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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: OH-JIN PARK, et al.

FOR: METHOD FOR PREPARING A (R)- OR (S)- FORM OF N-(2, 6-DIMETHYL PHENYL) ALANINE AND A COUNTER ENANTIOMERIC FORM OF N-(2, 6 DIMETHYL PHENYL) ALANINE ESTER THERETO USING ENZYME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.